

While I still enjoy listening to my local radio stations, I purchased the XM system to allow me to 1) Listen to music that I enjoy but never here on traditional radio; 2) Experience a wide variety of music that I've never heard before due to it not getting played on traditional radio (this alone has made me go out and purchase CDs that I would never have had it not been for XM--which means I've added money to the economy), and 3) Listen to music/talk that I enjoy when I travel out of my local market.

It is for reason three (3) that I was especially happy when XM began broadcasting traffic and weather. When out of my local market I don't know which traditional stations carry that information and when. not to mention the times when I cannot receive all but one or two AM stations in the middle of the country.

XM broadcasting traffic and weather will have no negative economic impact on the various local traditional radio stations since, as I stated above, I would not know which ones they are in the first place.

That said, I am wholeheartedly against the FCC once again stepping and interfering with what I can and cannot listen to or watch, especially in a case such as this, where I am not only paying for these services, but requesting them.

The FCC's job is to regulate the airwaves to allow fair yet undisruptive competition (meaning no crossing of bandwidths). As an unelected body consisting of people who have are not only out of touch with reality but have no desire or knowledge to understand what the rest America wants I am against it sticking its nose into everyone's business.

As for the NAB's petition 04-160, it is another attempt to limit competition by a group that would rather get the government involved instead of coming up with innovative ways to advance its industry.

How come it is not against traditional radio stations broadcasting themselves over the Internet? Shouldn't the FCC also step? Technically these stations are going beyond their local markets or where their broadcast licenses legally allow them. Yet, for some reason no one at NAB is screaming about that. It just goes to show their true agenda?knock out the competition using unprofessional methods.